



Licensing Panel

Date:	Friday, 14 June 2024
Time:	9.45 a.m.
Venue:	Solar Campus, 235 Leasowe Road, Wallasey, Wirral CH45 8RE

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AGENDA

1. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Panel are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non pecuniary interests in connection with any application on the agenda and state the nature of the interest.

2. EXEMPT INFORMATION - EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following items contain exempt information.

RECOMMENDATION: That, under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The Public Interest test has been applied and favours exclusion.

3. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - PEUGEOT EXPERT E7, REGISTRATION NUMBER SJ56 MDU (Pages 1 - 4)**
4. **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE MERCEDES-BENZ E220, REGISTRATION NUMBER DF71 FRK. (Pages 5 - 10)**
5. **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT, REGISTRATION NUMBER GD17 EFJ (Pages 11 - 14)**
6. **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION PEUGEOT 207, REGISTRATION NUMBER KR13 JUH (Pages 15 - 18)**
7. **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE APPLICATION (JB) (Pages 19 - 26)**
8. **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE APPLICATION (KS) (Pages 27 - 30)**
9. **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE REVIEW (GA) (Pages 31 - 40)**
10. **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE REVIEW (YD) (Pages 41 - 54)**



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REPORT TITLE	HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION
REPORT OF	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the Licensing Panel to consider an application to license a Peugeot Expert E7, registration number SJ56 MDU as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle, outside of the current criteria for licensing Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION

The Licensing Panel is recommended to determine whether to license a Peugeot Expert E7, registration number SJ56 MDU, as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle, outside of the current criteria for licensing Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 The Licensing Authority have received an application to license a Peugeot Expert E7, registration number SJ56 MDU, outside of the current criteria for licensing Hackney Carriage Vehicles. It is a delegated function of the Licensing Panel to determine whether to license a vehicle as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle when it does not comply with the current criteria for licensing Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 That the application to license a Peugeot Expert E7, registration number, SJ56 MDU be determined by an Officer in accordance with the current criteria for licensing Hackney Carriage Vehicles within the Council's Statement of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy which would result in the application being refused.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The proprietor of the Peugeot Expert E7, registration SJ56 MDU, Colin Johnson has applied to license the vehicle as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.
- 3.2 The vehicle was first licensed on 15 September 2008 and the most recent licence expired on 31 March 2023.
- 3.3 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 2 October 2006.
- 3.4 The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates will be provided in advance of the meeting.
- 3.5 The vehicle will be available for inspection at the meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Section 47 of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states:

Licensing of Hackney Carriages.

(1) A district council may attach to the grant of a licence of a hackney carriage under the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 such conditions as the district council may consider reasonably necessary.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing subsection, a district council may require any hackney carriage licensed by them under the Act of 1847 to be of such design or appearance or bear such distinguishing marks as shall clearly identify it as a hackney carriage.

(3) Any person aggrieved by any conditions attached to such a licence may appeal to a magistrates' court.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are safety implications arising out of this report as the Licensing Panel must be satisfied that the vehicle is safe, suitable and comfortable to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle. The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and has passed the MOT and Compliance tests.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 This is not a matter that requires consultation.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Licensing Panel must have regard to their Public Sector Equality Duty when considering the application.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Petrol and diesel vehicles contribute to harmful emissions including particulate matter, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide which can be harmful to health.

10.2 Hybrid and electric cars emit less greenhouse gases and air pollutants than petrol and diesel cars. (Source: European Environment Agency report 2018)

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are none arising directly from the content of this report.

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APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Application form
MOT pass certificate
Compliance Test pass certificate
Statement of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy
European Environment Agency Report 2018

Town Police Clauses Act 1847
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
Equality Act 2010

TERMS OF REFERENCE

This report is being considered by the Licensing Panel who are delegated to determine such matters in accordance with Section 8.4 of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee’s Terms of Reference referred to in Part 3, Section B of the Council’s constitution.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

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14 JUNE 2024

REPORT TITLE	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE
REPORT OF	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the Licensing Panel to consider a request to grant an exemption from the requirement to display Private Hire Vehicle Licence plates and door signs in respect of a currently licensed vehicle namely a Mercedes-Benz E220, registration number DF71 FRK.

RECOMMENDATION

The Licensing Panel is recommended to determine whether to grant an exemption from the requirement to display Private Hire Vehicle Licence plates and door signs in respect of a currently licensed vehicle namely a Mercedes-Benz E220, registration number DF71 FRK.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 The Licensing Authority have received a request to grant an exemption from the requirement to display Private Hire Vehicle Licence plates and door signs in respect of a currently licensed vehicle namely a Mercedes-Benz E220, registration number DF71 FRK. It is a delegated function of the Licensing Panel to determine whether to licence a vehicle as a Private Hire Vehicle when it does not comply with the current criteria and conditions for licensing Private Hire Vehicles.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 That the request to grant an exemption from the requirement to display Private Hire Vehicle Licence plates and door signs in respect of a currently licensed vehicle namely a Mercedes-Benz E220, registration number DF71 FRK outside of the current criteria and conditions for licensing Private Hire Vehicles, be determined by an Officer in accordance with the current criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles within the Council's Statement of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy which would result in the application being refused.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 It is a legal requirement that when a Private Hire Vehicle Licence is granted the council must issue a plate or a disc identifying that vehicle as a Private Hire Vehicle.
- 3.2 The Licensing Authority currently issue two vehicle Licence Plates at the time when a Private Hire Vehicle Licence is granted. The Licence Plates must be displayed on the outside of the vehicle in accordance with the following conditions:
- The large vehicle licence plate identifying the vehicle as a private hire vehicle (rear plate) must at all times be securely fixed externally to the rear of the vehicle in a manner approved by Wirral Council in a prominent position ensuring that the whole plate is clearly visible and it does not obscure or alter any of the information printed thereon.
 - The small vehicle licence plate identifying the vehicle as a private hire vehicle (front plate) must at all times be securely fixed externally to the front of the vehicle in a manner approved by Wirral Council in a prominent position ensuring that the whole plate is clearly visible and it does not obscure or alter any of the information printed thereon.
- 3.3 The conditions attached to the Private Hire Vehicle Licence include the following requirement in respect of door signs:
- A magnetic or adhesive door sign must be affixed on either both front or both rear doors of the vehicle at all times when the vehicle is available for use as a private hire vehicle.
- 3.4 The Mercedes-Benz E220, registration number DF71 FRK was first licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 25 October 2023 and the current licence is due to expire on

24 October 2024. The vehicle currently complies with the conditions set out in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 above.

3.5 The date of first registration of the vehicle Mercedes E220, registration DF71 FRK is 7 October 2019.

3.6 Mr Les currently has a Private Hire Driver Licence and a Private Hire Operator Licence and is seeking to use the vehicle to provide an executive transport service.

3.7 The vehicle will be available for inspection at the meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Section 48 (1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 provides that a district council shall not grant a licence unless it is satisfied that the vehicle is:

- Suitable in type, size and design for use as a Private Hire Vehicle
- Not of such design and appearance as to lead any person to believe that the vehicle is a Hackney Carriage
- In a suitable mechanical condition
- Safe and Comfortable
- That there is in force in relation to the use of the vehicle a policy of insurance

5.2 Section 48 (2) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states that a council may attach to the grant of a licence such conditions as they may consider reasonably necessary.

5.3 Section 48 (5) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states that where a district council grant a vehicle licence in respect of a Private Hire Vehicle they shall issue a plate identifying that vehicle as a Private Hire Vehicle. However the Council may exempt a vehicle from the requirement to display a plate in accordance with section 75 (3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. The Council may also dispense with the requirement referred to in Section 54 (2) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 that a licensed Private Hire Driver should wear their badge in such a position and manner as to be plainly and distinctly visible.

5.4 Section 48 (7) of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states that any person aggrieved by the refusal of a district council to grant a vehicle licence under this section, or by any conditions specified in such a licence, may appeal to a Magistrates' Court.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 The display of plates provides a form of recognition and reference to members of the public that the vehicle is licensed. The absence of plates may affect the ability of members of the public to report incidents relating to the driver of the vehicle. This risk can be mitigated by the imposition of additional conditions on the Private Hire Vehicle Licence and the Private Hire Operator Licence.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 This is not a matter that requires consultation.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Licensing Panel must have regard to their Public Sector Equality Duty when considering the application.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Petrol and diesel vehicles contribute to harmful emissions including particulate matter, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide which can be harmful to health.

10.2 Hybrid and electric cars emit less greenhouse gases and air pollutants than petrol and diesel cars. (Source: European Environment Agency report 2018).

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are none arising directly from the content of this report.

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APPENDICES

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Private Hire Vehicle Licence conditions
Statement of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
Equality Act 2010
European Environment Agency Report 2018

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Committee's Terms of Reference referred to in Part 3, Section B of the Council's constitution.

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REPORT TITLE	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION
REPORT OF	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the Licensing Panel to consider whether to license a Volkswagen Passat, registration number GD17 EFJ as a Private Hire Vehicle, outside of the criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION

The Licensing Panel is recommended to determine whether to license a Volkswagen Passat, registration number GD17 EFJ, as a Private Hire Vehicle outside of the criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 The Licensing Authority have received an application to license a Volkswagen Passat, registration number GD17 EFJ, outside of the criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. It is a delegated function of the Licensing Panel to determine whether to licence a vehicle as a Private Hire Vehicle when it does not comply with the criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 That the application to license a Volkswagen Passat, registration number GD17 EFJ, be determined by an Officer in accordance with the criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles within the Council's Statement of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy which would result in the application being refused.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The proprietor of the vehicle, Mr Sutton, has applied to license the vehicle as a Private Hire Vehicle.
- 3.2 The date of first registration of the vehicle is 18 May 2017.
- 3.3 The vehicle has been tested at one of the authorised testing stations and a copy of the test certificate will be available in advance of the meeting.
- 3.4 The vehicle will be available for inspection at the meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Section 48 (1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 provides that a district council shall not grant a licence unless it is satisfied that the vehicle is:

- Suitable in type, size and design for use as a Private Hire Vehicle
- Not of such design and appearance as to lead any person to believe that the vehicle is a Hackney Carriage
- In a suitable mechanical condition
- Safe and Comfortable
- That there is in force in relation to the use of the vehicle a policy of insurance

- 5.2 Section 48 (7) of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states that any person aggrieved by the refusal of a district council to grant a vehicle licence under this section, or by any conditions specified in such a licence, may appeal to a magistrates' court.

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REPORT OF	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the Licensing Panel to consider an application to license a Peugeot 207, registration number KR13 JUH as a Private Hire Vehicle, outside of the criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION

The Licensing Panel is recommended to determine whether to license a Peugeot 207, registration number KR13 JUH, as a Private Hire Vehicle, outside of the criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

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2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 That the application to license a Peugeot 207, registration number KR13 JUH, be determined by an Officer in accordance with the criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles within the Council's Statement of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy which would result in the application being refused.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The proprietor of the vehicle, Jeremy Beech, has applied to license the vehicle as a Private Hire Vehicle.
- 3.2 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 17 June 2013.
- 3.3 The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates will be provided in advance of the meeting.
- 3.4 The vehicle will be available for inspection at the meeting.

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- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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- 5.1 Section 48 (1) of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 provides that a district council shall not grant a licence unless it is satisfied that the vehicle is:
- Suitable in type, size and design for use as a Private Hire Vehicle,
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